Newt's drug proposal panned

WASHINGTON (AP) – House Speaker Newt Gingrich's proposal to execute drug smugglers is "another simplistic solution to a complex problem, with no potential for real impact," President Clinton's drug policy adviser said Monday.

"This proposal offered on the heels of the idea he gave for last month to legalize drugs ... shows that the speaker will say and do anything except implement and fund the president's comprehensive anti-drug strategy," Lee Brown said in a statement.

At a football rally in Georgia on Saturday, Mr. Gingrich said mandatory executions for convicted drug smugglers would kill so many of them that it would curb the flow of illegal drugs into the United States.